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Parks and Recreation Board Minutes October 13, 1998

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department was held on Tuesday, October 13, 1998, at 200 South Lamar Blvd. Board members present: Mike Librik, Mary Ruth Holder, Elaine Carter, Rosemary Castleberry, Chair, Rocky Medrano, Jeff Francell, Carol Kim.

Staff members present: Jesus M. Olivares, Director, Kim Jamail Mitchell, Stuart Strong, Randy Scott, Jay Stone, Sarah Campbell, Mary Ybarbo.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Rosemary Castleberry.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of September 8, 1998, were approved.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Mary M. Arnold, 3404 Southill Circle, Honorary Member of Executive Committee with West Austin Neighborhood Group approached the board to comment on the draft resolution from Land & Facilities concerning the license agreement on a portion of Taylor Slough and requested the board consider adding a recommendation that the license agreement provide for automatic termination if licensee sells adjacent land.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

City of Austin Annexation Program Management by Phil Parkins, Consultant, with Malcolm Pirnie, Inc.

Phil Parkins, a consultant, informed the board his firm, Malcolm Pirnie, Inc., has been hired by the City of Austin to help with the expansion of water and wastewater services in 14 newly annexed areas of the City. At present 19 projects have been assigned to 14 consultants. Mr. Parkins foresees no conflict with these projects regarding parkland or the land surrounding the Balcones Canyonland Preserves. Work is scheduled to be completed by 2002. Sarah Campbell is the staff person working with this consulting firm.

Youth Hostel Presentation

Tony Plutino, spokesman for the Austin Youth Hostel (AYH), gave the board a brief history of the hostel after first quoting Charles Jordan, a former PARD Director: "I have worked with Hostelling International in the development of the Austin International Hostel. Hostelling International has a proven record in not only developing and operating successful hostels, but in cooperatively working with public agencies." The AYH is operated in cooperation with the Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) in a renovated building that previously was an indoor swimming pool and later in its history, served as a crew house for rowing shells. A management agreement with the city allows AYH to make improvements to

the building at its own expense, while the city retains ownership of the property. This agreement comes up for renewal in the year 2000 and management is asking for a five (5) year extension until 2005. According to the financial statement as of March 31, 1998 revenues were listed as \$159,275 with expenses listed as \$158,471.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

Approve Construction of Aqua Verde Association, Inc (AVAI) to Construct a Boat Dock at 4434 Rivercrest Drive

Mary Ruth Holder informed the board the Navigation Committee reviewed this item wherein a dock will be built in a common area to be used by 20 families for swimming and fishing. All requirements of the Land Development Code are met and a recommendation for approval was given. With this serving as a motion, Jeff Francell seconded. The vote in favor was 6-0. (Librik, Holder, Carter, Medrano, Francell, Kim)

Make a Recommendation to Name the Trail at Village at Western Oaks Neighborhood

Elaine Carter informed the board the Land and Facilities Committee approved a particular area of the trail be named VAWONA and referenced the letter of approval from the Director in the back-up material. Mary Ruth Holder seconded. The vote in favor was 6-0 (Librik, Holder, Carter, Medrano, Francell, Kim)

Make a Recommendation for a Water & Wastewater Easement at Springfield Park

Phil Williams with the Del Valle Independent Schools informed the board the request is for a permanent wastewater easement and a temporary construction easement within Springfield Park in Southeast Austin. The school district is building a new elementary school at 6910 E. William Cannon Drive and the only existing wastewater system in the area is a lift station within Springfield Park. Elaine Carter informed the board the Land and Facilities Committee requested a presentation from Water and Wastewater. The Committee did recommend granting the easement tonight and dealing with safety issues at a future time. With this serving as a motion, Rocky Medrano seconded. The vote in favor was 6-0 (Librik, Holder, Carter, Medrano, Francell, Kim)

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Splash Exhibit at the Beverly S. Sheffield Education Center at Zilker Park has its opening ceremony on Thursday, October 15, 1998. All are invited.

The Boards and Commissions retreat will be Saturday, October 17, 1998 at the South Austin Senior Center.

PARD board retreat will be Saturday, November 14, 1998.

Some PARD board meetings will take place next year in certain annexed areas.

Metz Recreation Center has a Menudo cook off this coming weekend.

Each member was given a bond election packet.

ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS (not for action)

Jeff Francell would like to show support for the bond election by creating a resolution to be discussed at the next board meeting.

Rocky Medrano will be a judge at the Metz Menudo cook off.

Austin Parks Foundation will have an appreciation luncheon on October 28th for the Adopt-A-Park volunteers. Board is invited.

Hyde Park Baptist quarry meeting was attended by Carol Kim, Mike Librik and Rosemary Castleberry.

Mike Librik has been asked to serve on Garry Mauro's BCP debate regarding the public access issue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programs Committee meets on Monday, October 18, 1998

Downtown Commission meets on Tuesday, October 14, 1998

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.